
Title: From Akalabeth to

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As his power grew, he gained more control over the minions of darkness. Not yet able to control the full power of the gem, Mondain was still able to gather armies of creatures

created or summoned by magic and unleashed them upon the land of Akalabeth in an attempt to conquer the land and the people that inhabited it.

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Mondain cast such sickness and pestilence upon Akalabeth that both man and beast lived in constant fear.

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By this time, British is well known for his leadership and valor. British is granted the title of "Champion of the White Light" The Champion of the White Light, British, united lands of Akalabeth and The Lost King into an army strong enough to withstand Mondain's

After a long, and bloody campaign, Mondain was defeated and believed dead.

British was granted the title of 'Lord'.
With the blessing of the Lost King, the lands of Akalabeth were renamed the Lands of Lord British and the capital of Akalabeth to 'Britain'. Various heroes entered the service of

Lord British, ridding the local realm of monsters. Various Lords of Sosaria outlawed the practice of magic, fearing that someday, another mage may try to conquer the world. Unknown to anyone at this time, Mondain was not dead. He had escaped to the Lands of the Dark Unknown and continued to grow in power and worked to complete the transformation of the Sun Ruby. Mondain took on a young apprentice to teach his dark arts to. The apprentice's name was Minax, a young girl showing huge magical potential. Apprenticed at age eleven, she soon falls in love with Mondain. Mondain conducted many vile experiments on his own servants. By crossing different creatures with humans Mondain created three known monstrosities - Lizardmen, Ratmen, and Minotaurs. His young apprentice, Minax, created monsters of her own orcs, trolls, ettins, and ogres.

A second comet passed through the skies.

Meteors fell from the sky and the island of Ambrosia sank beneath the surface of the Great Sea.

Oracles once again prophesied that a great darkness would soon befall the lands of Sosaria, They were right. The Sun Ruby had finally completed it's transformation into a black gem of great power and evil-The Gem of Immortality. From here, as every

school child knows,
Mondain tried to conquer
all of Sosaria but was
defeated by a stranger
from another world.
While true in it's way,
what happened is no
where near this simple.
The history that follows
was all but unknown.
Texts discovered in Lord
British's own library tell
the full story. It is as
difficult to explain as it
is to believe.

Mondain discovered a method of breaching Time and Space and sent his stronghold into a Timeless void known as 'The Time of Legends.' It is from there he controlled his growing armies. Three powerful mages entered his service and bound themselves to the Gem of Immortality. They shed their lifeforce and became the three liche kings that served Mondain. With the threat of Mondain imminent, Lord British overruled the banning of magic by the Sosarian Lords in previous decades, so that their own mages could be trained to help against Mondain. Mondain was able to bind all of Sosaria to the Gem of Immortality's dark power. And soon after he used the Gem to make himself immortal. Over time Mondain conquered most of Sosaria. This was made easier by the simple fact that so many lands had no mages to defend them because of the outlawing of magic.

Mondain ruled the

majority of Sosaria nigh onto a thousand years. Only one pocket of real resistance remained - The Lands of Lord British. Lord British had managed to hold Mondain at bay for all those centuries, even though Mondain's evil encroahed further and further into his lands every year. Mondain called forth every bit of dark magic at his disposal to complete his conquest of Sosaria, even as he turned his eye to conquering other worlds. As a final push to defeat Lord British. Mondain formed an alliance with beings from another world. These starwalking beings were cat-like and posessed an unparalled savagery. The only text found to hold the names of these creatures was badly damaged. All that is legible is "Kilr--hi". The aged Lord British, learned of the immenant arrival of these beings. Seeing that there was no hope of defeating them, let alone the evil Mondain, Lord British created a moongate, known as the "Siege Perilous" moongate. Through it he summoned a stranger, perhaps from his original world, to attempt to defeat Mondain. For many years the Stranger traveled the lands questing and fighting Mondain's evil. The Stranger was a mighty warrior and a spellcaster, but even he could do no harm against the power of Mondain, since Mondain had reached full mastery of the Gem of

Immortality. For how do you kill an immortal? Time was running out for Sosaria as the starwalking beasts grew ever closer. Fortunately, the Stranger stumbled upon a solution. He found a way to create a machine to allow himself to travel in time. Using this device the stranger was able to penetrate Mondain's stronghold at a point in time just before Mondain realized the Gem's power and became immortal. The Stranger arrived as Mondain was completing his dark spell that bound Sosaria to the Gem of immortality. The Stranger shattered the Gem of Immortality before Mondain could react. Then he attacked Mondain. At this point in time, Mondain hadn't yet bound himself to the Gem. Therefore, he wasn't yet immortal, and was vulnerable to conventional weapons. Using this device the stranger was able to penetrate Mondain's stronghold at a point in time just before Mondain realized the Gem's power and became immortal. The Stranger arrived as Mondain was completing his dark spell that bound Sosaria to the Gem of immortality. The Stranger shattered the Gem of Immortality before Mondain could react. Then he attacked Mondain. At this point in time, Mondain hadn't yet bound himself to the Gem. Therefore, he wasn't vet immortal, and was vulnerable to conventional weapons.